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In the Application of Melvin Hatch

Ser.No.: 09/941,029

Filed: August 28, 2001

For: HEAT CONDUCTING SUPPORT FOR CURVED BOTTOM VESSELS

Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Joseph C. Merek

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

MAIL STOP: PETITION

RENEWED PETITION IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 13

Sir:

The Director is thanked for treating Applicant's petition dated October 28, 2003 on its merits. However, in view of the following, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of its request to enter proposed drawing Fig. 1a.

The indication of new matter in the Director's Decision on Petition is not understood. The Examiner objected to claim 10, which states that the base is a separate component to which the outer portion is connected, with the Examiner's objection being that this feature was not shown. This feature is now what is shown in proposed drawing Fig. 1a, and nothing more. The feature of claim 10 is also clearly stated in the specification, on page 5, lines 1 – 3, namely that the base could be a separate piece to which the outer portion is connected in any suitable manner. It is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in

the art would expect a separate piece to which the outer portion is connected to look exactly like Applicant's proposed Fig. 1a.

In view of the foregoing discussion, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the entry of its proposed Fig. 1a.

Respectfully Submitted,



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